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it would grant the municipal courts the same opportunity and the power to include the jail sentence for DWI as a term of probation. Now, finally, the amendment strikes reference to Certified Alcohol Treatment Programs for Driver's Training Courses because in present statute there seems to be a question as to whether or not those are defined properly. This amendment would allow any alcohol or drug or Driver's Training Program to be used and the information that I have is that there are no functioning programs as established in statute that are presently certified under these sections. So that is the reason for striking that. If there are questions about the provisions, and once again they are spelled out in the sheet that I circulated, I will be pleased to answer them.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers, did you want to talk on the amendment. We are on the Stoney amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, and members, it seems to me that this is the same scag, second verse. I was told that there are a total of four amendments laying up there on the desk. I just took up another one a little bit ago, a very simple one. Mine would indefinitely postpone LB 870 and the purposes are not because I do not understand that there is a problem as far as DWI legislation is concerned or the need for DWI legislation. The purpose is simply that we have discussed this issue at quite some length yesterday. We have got one bill in this body already dealing with this same subject and it seems to me that in a point of time we have got 19 days left with a host of issues out there in front of us yet to deal with that it is rather pointless to use two bills dealing with the same subject. If Senator Stoney or this body wishes to use the directions that Senator Stoney is advocating, then it seems to me we should amend the bill that we have already got to do those things that the wishes of this body wish to do. But to have two separate pieces of legislation doing different things, if they should happen to both advance and both pass, I wonder what the bill drafter's office would do or the Revisor of Statutes would do. And I wonder what the law enforcement people would do if we say two things at the same time. So I guess I would just rise to urge the body to reject the amendments and any further amendments coming and then allow the introducers of these amendments to attempt their positions on Select File on the other bill that we advanced yesterday and not take up an awful lot of time in this remaining short period of time debating the same issues over and over again. The issues, of course, are very clear I think to all of us and we all have our opinions as to how we should address them and it seems to me